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Medical supervision of passenger traffic.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1903.

GUITERAS, *Laredo, Tex.*:

If there is passenger traffic out of Laredo, it should be under medical supervision. This means train-inspection service.

WYMAN.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

CONNECTICUT—*Bridgeport*.—Month of August, 1903. Estimated population, 82,128. Total number of deaths, 126, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 4, and 17 from tuberculosis.

ILLINOIS—*Bellerive*.—Two weeks ended September 5, 1903. Estimated population, 17,800. Total number of deaths 22, including enteric fever 2, and 1 from measles.

MARYLAND—*Baltimore*.—Month of August, 1903. Estimated population, 533,000—white, 451,000; colored, 82,000. Total number of deaths, 860—white, 659; colored, 201—including diphtheria 7, enteric fever 26, scarlet fever 11, whooping cough 10, and 99 from tuberculosis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Worcester*.—Month of August, 1903. Estimated population, 124,331. Total number of deaths 181, including enteric fever 1, and 21 from tuberculosis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended September 19, 1903, from 82 observers, indicate that cholera morbus and remittent fever were more prevalent and pleuritis, erysipelas, and puerperal fever were less prevalent than in the preceding week.

Meningitis was reported present at 1 place, measles at 10, whooping cough at 15, diphtheria at 29, smallpox at 31, scarlet fever at 53, enteric fever at 81, and phthisis pulmonalis at 212 places.

Ann Arbor.—Eight weeks ended September 19, 1903. Census population, 14,509. Number of deaths not reported. One death from tuberculosis reported.

The Monthly Bulletin of Vital Statistics says: "The total number of deaths in Michigan during August was 2,800, an increase of 147 over the preceding month. The death rate was 13.3 per thousand population. By ages there were 688 deaths of infants under 1 year, 211 deaths of children aged 1 to 4 years, and 687 deaths of persons over 65 years.

"Important causes of death were as follows: Tuberculosis of lungs, 157; other forms of tuberculosis, 30; typhoid fever, 44; diphtheria and croup, 37; scarlet fever, 16; measles, 2; whooping cough, 37; pneumonia, 100; diarrhea and enteritis, under 2 years, 386; cancer, 157; accidents and violence, 240, including 32 deaths from drowning